Remarks

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Claim 39 is canceled. Claim 40 has been amended. Claims 31-38 stand withdrawn. Claims 1-30 and 40 are pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-30 are allowed.

ARGUMENT

Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed and claim 40 is believed allowable.

The Examiner misunderstands the recited limitation *"wherein said encrypting includes encrypting said entire payload, including one of the at least one decrypting keys."* In embodiments of the invention, there may be more than one level of encryption. The data stream may be encrypted at one level using at least one key, and the payload may be further encrypted, including encrypting a decrypting key. Thus, to fully decrypt the information in the data stream, one must decrypt using one key, retrieve an embedded decrypting key, and then use this decrypting key to decrypt the replaced portion of the payload.

Pages 8-9, at least, of the Specification, describe: "Once decoding device 102 receives the re-encrypted data, decoding device 102 negotiates with the PCX module 106 to retrieve the PCX content key encrypted by the PCX session key ... The MPEG decoder and PCX module 106 negotiate a PCX session key. The payload MPEG data is re-encrypted with the randomly generated PCX content key and the re-encrypted data is sent to the MPEG decoder. PCX module 106 encrypts the PCX content key with the PCX session key." It will be apparent to one of skill in the art that a key may itself be encrypted and sent with the data stream to provide a further level of security for the data being transmitted in the system. Claim 1 explicitly recites "at least one key" and at least one decrypting key." These keys may be different. As described in the Specification, there may be session keys, content keys, etc. Thus, it will be clear to those skilled

in the art that encrypting the entire payload including at least one decrypting key adds a level of encryption to the data stream.

Thus, for the foregoing reasons, all claims remaining in the application are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-30 and 40 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

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